

Appln. No. 09/691,968
Response dated Jan. 12, 2005
Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant
Amendment of Jan. 6, 2005
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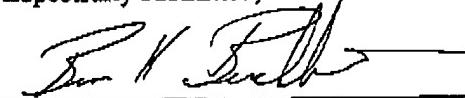
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks are made in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. As this response is timely filed within the 1-month shortened statutory period, no fee is believed due..

As an initial matter, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his thorough examination of the Application and the opportunity to resubmit the Claims section of the previous Amendment to the Office Action dated May 19, 2005, to correct the previous omissions in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. The amendments to the Claims as previously presented in Applicants Response dated June 14, 2004 have been modified to reflect the correct claim identifiers for each claim.

Applicants believe that this application is now in full condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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